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SUBJECT: EXMIBAL STATUS REPORT

REF: STATE 216277

1. PER REFTEL EMBOFF DISCUSSED STATUS EXMIBAL PROJECT WITH BORGATTI NOV. 6. BORGATTI SAID SERIES OF DECREES, AGREEMENTS AND RESOLTIONS REQUIRED PERMIT INCO PROCEED WITH PROJECT HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH GOG AND AWAIT PUBLICATION. THESE RANGE FROM BASIC DECREE MENTIONED BY PAGAN PERMITTING SMALLER SCALE OF OPERATIONS THROUGH BOG APPROVAL OF LOAN AGREEMENTS. BASIC DECREE MAY BE PUBLISHED. MINECON MOLINA MADE ESSENTIALLY SAME STATUS REPORT IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE. BORGATTI ASSERTED THAT WHEN THIS SERIES DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED, PROJECT WILL MOVE AHEAD AT FULL SPEED. HE FURTHER SAID EXMIBAL IN SENSE HAS JUMPED GUN BY AUTHORIZING GIBSON HILL BEGIN WORK ON PRE-CONSTRUCTION EARTH MOVING, ETC. SUCH WORK APPROXIMATELY HALF COMPLETE.

2. WITH REGARD TO DELAYS OF PAST SEVERAL MONTHS - AND POSSIBLE LAST MINUTE PROBLEMS - BORGATTI MENTIONED TWO BASIC OBSTACLES; GRAFT SEEKERS WITHIN GOG AND IDEOLOGICAL

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OPPOSITION WITHIN BOG. FIRST GROUP HAS HELD UP AGREEMENT

NEGOTIATION AND PUBLICATION SEEKING PAYOFF, WHICH BORGATTI  
FLATLY STATES HAS BEEN REJECTED. SECOND GROUP, TECHNICIANS  
WITH CLOSE TIES TO THE UNIVERSITY, HAS LONG BEEN OPPOSED  
TO PROJECT, ACCORDING BORGATTI. ALTHOUGH OVERRULED BY  
GOG, THEY ARE LITERALLY BEING DRAGGED FORWARD. ONE EXAMPLE  
OF DELAYS THEY HAVE IMPOSED WAS TO FIRST REQUIRE LOAN  
AGREEMENTS BE TRANSLATED, THEN TO INFORM EXMIBAL TRANSLATION  
MUST BE AUTHENTICATED, AND FINALLY TO INSIST TRANSLATIONS  
BE TYPED ON STAMPED PAPER. IN ALL, EXMIBAL SPENT TWO  
MONTHS AFTER SECURING APPROVAL ON SUBSTANCE OF LOAN AGREE-  
MENTS MEETING BOG'S PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS. GIVEN THIS  
BACKGROUND, BORGATTI SAID HE WOULDN'T REST EASY UNTIL HE  
SEES DOCUMENT SERIES PUBLISHED. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS  
DEGREE OF CAUTION, HE IS BASICALLY VERY OPTIMISTIC PROJECT  
WILL BE FULLY UNDERWAY BEFORE END OF YEAR.

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